

**EDINA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES-  
NOVEMBER 10, 2010  
Community Room, Edina City Hall 4 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Bernice Amacher, Brad Benn, Rick Fesler, Naomi Griffith, John Keprios, Amy Kerber, Bill McCabe, Lois Ring, Anne Spooner, Ruth Valgemae.

Lois Ring thanked Naomi Griffith for all her help with editing/writing and being such an active new member.

A motion was made and approved that the minutes will be sent out by Anne Spooner.

October 2010 minutes approved with changes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Lois Ring reported that the estimated income from TOC was \$850.

The button income is now at \$443. For 2011 \$7,500 should be approved for EPAC by city council. Lois Ring expressed concern on how future funds will be managed. Bill McCabe volunteered to keep track of EPAC finances for 2011.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS (Action List):**

Lois Ring contacted the People's Choice winners and they were elated. The winners are:

1st Place - The Plunge by Deb Zeller

2nd Place - Reflecting on Friendship by Nicholas Legeros

3rd Place - Holy Big Bird by Stephen Fischer

Payments for 1st & 2nd place People's Choice winners will come from the Edina Community Foundation. Third place award winner will receive payment from Taste of Creativity fund raiser.

**CALL FOR SCULPTURES SCHEDULE 2011:**

Brad Benn confirmed that the 2011 call for sculptors will be sent on December 2010.

**PLAQUES:**

Brad Benn suggested that inexpensive plastic plaques are worth having for the sculptures. John Keprios said that even though the guidelines state that the sculpture cost \$5,000 or more, it is fine to have plaques to help identify the artist. Motion carried that plaques will be ordered by Brad Benn and placed at Time Piece, The Plunge, Reflecting on Friendship, and Holy Big Bird. Brad Benn presented a proof of the plaque. Lois Ring suggested the word

“artist” be included on the plaque to identify the person better. The plaque will read: “A gift to the City of Edina made possible by contributions to the Edina Community Foundation.” Motion approved.

Naomi Griffith and Lois Ring have been working on a new donor letter and a working proof was presented for review.

**KODIAK SCULPTURE UPDATE:**

Lois Ring reported on a recent meeting at city hall with Bill McCabe, Brad Benn and Police Officer Kevin Rofidal regarding a proposed sculpture of Kodiak. Kevin Rofidal stated that the dog sculpture should reflect German Shepherd police dogs in general and a likeness of Kodiak is not needed. He also indicated that there will be input from Scott Neal and nothing will be decided until 2011. Lois Ring gave EPAC’s policies to Kevin Rofidal. Ruth Valgemaie stated that we should include a Police and a Crime Fund representative. Lois Ring recommended that the Chief of Police will be involved and John Keprios mentioned that the Chief of Police sits on the Crime Fund Board. Lois Ring recommended that a committee be organized to head up this project with input from EPAC and EAC. John Keprios clarified that the original intent was to build a canine memorial at Braemar Park but the latest plan is to postpone this discussion until 2011.

**LION SCULPTURE:**

Bill McCabe reported that the Lion head has now been placed at the art center, near the Greer Garden and the EAC Board will determine whether the Lion will remain at the art center permanently. Lois suggested a thank you letter be sent to the donor.

**EAC/EPAC RELATIONSHIP DOCUMENT:**

Bill McCabe reported that this has been approved by the EAC Board. Lois Ring requested that EPAC receive a final copy. Ruth Valgemaie will email the final copy to all EPAC committee members.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Lois Ring reported there is no new news from Dick Crockett.

**MARKETING & PROMOTION:**

Lois Ring will handle the publicity about the People’s Choice winners and will archive the recent Edina Magazine article featuring EPAC.

**MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:**

Anne Spooner will resend final.

**LETTERHEAD:**

The letterhead is now completed and came out well. A final sample was handed out by Lois Ring along with a final copy of Policies and Procedures.

**MOSAIC PROJECT UPDATE:**

The hope is that this will be in place by the next Promenade opening. John Keprios reported that for safety reasons the mosaic can only be on the sides of the York Avenue bridge, not in the center. An agreement should be drafted saying the county won't be held responsible for any damage made to the mosaic and the agreement should be exact. Brad Benn stated there are eight places for mosaics on the bridge.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Naomi Griffith and Lois Ring have been updating EPAC accomplishments and indicated it will include activities from the beginning. She will request additions via email from committee members.

Lois Ring did research and determined that EPAC does qualify for a grant through the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council funded by the McKnight Foundation. Lois Ring asked for assistance from those experienced with grant writing to take this on. It will be a lot of work but worth the effort. Bill McCabe volunteered to review the information Lois Ring obtained about the grant and provide feedback. We do not qualify for State Arts Board grants.

John Keprios provided information regarding the proposed Veteran's Memorial saying that the Veteran's Memorial Committee has very strong feelings about the type of sculpture it will be; not a soldier but something more generic such as an eagle or a globe.

The purpose of the memorial is to honor past, present, and future veterans. It is located at Uttley Park, 50th and Wooddale, on the south side. Plans include a raised hard surface area which will accommodate a gathering of 150 people. Granite tablets and benches will be included with good visibility, on the 4th of July parade route in addition to parking and restroom facilities.

Currently there is a call being drafted for an architect. EPAC questioned whether there should be an artist call first. The committee is asking city council for \$30,000 seed money to jump start the project. John Keprios estimates it will cost \$300,000. Ruth Valgema asked if a liaison is needed to sit in on their meetings. John Keprios will inquire about that.

Brad Benn suggested that an outline be created which can then be distributed to potential artists. John Keprios asked EPAC if they are interested in this project and wish to provide help in finding an artist.

Brad Benn made a motion to cooperate with the Veteran's Committee to assist them in any way we can. Motion carried.

**UTILITY BILL:**

Brad Benn will check with the water department for an updated list of donors. Lois Ring requested a list of donors from Jennifer Bennerotte. Once we get the list, the thank you notes will be coordinated.

**PROMENADE PHASE 4:**

Lois Ring asks for more information as to when this will occur. The last stage had inclusion of a holding pond behind Byerly's. This may impact the Promenade. More discussion will follow as information is obtained.

Lois Ring reminded all to attend the upcoming meet and greet with new City Manager Scott Neal and introduce themselves.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. Next meeting will be January 6, 2011.**

Minutes taken by Anne Spooner.